



Police Beat 2021



SCPD 1st Quarter Crime Prevention Newsletter

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Situational



Awareness

Being aware of your surroundings is very important and can help keep you from being the victim of a crime. All too often we become preoccupied with our cell phones, or other things going on in our lives, that we fail to take a good look at our surroundings. Being prepared (not paranoid) can help keep you safe. Many of you may be aware of the large increase in Car-Jackings taking place in the Chicagoland area recently, but have you ever heard of another car crime called "Sliding?"

A Slider crime often takes place at a gas station. You get out of your car to pump the gas and leave your car doors unlocked with your purse or other valuables on the front passenger seat. Then, a car pulls up along the opposite side of your car at which time the offender exits their vehicle, slouches down, slides over, and opens your car door to steal your belongings while you're busy pumping gas or inside the gas station making a purchase or using the washroom.

In either situation, paying attention to your surroundings is key to remaining safe. Both are crimes of opportunity. A person that has the desire and ability to commit a crime will find it hard to do so if the "opportunity" is removed. Here are some tips to help keep you safe:

- Get in and out of your car "with purpose." Don't project that you're distracted with things
- Keep doors locked and windows rolled up
- Have an escape route. Leave enough room between you the vehicle in front of you
- Park in well lit and well populated areas
- If no other options are available—give them your car. Your car can be replaced...YOU CAN'T.



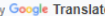
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Scam Awareness



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IDES

Reporting Unemployment Insurance Fraud

Unemployment Insurance Identity Theft Fraud

Identity thieves and hackers have long known how to use stolen identities to commit fraud – for example, to open a new credit card or file a false tax return – and criminals using stolen identities to defraud public assistance programs is not new. In fact, such schemes are so pervasive that federal rules require Illinois to have staff dedicated to preventing and stopping fraudulent activity in the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system.

IDES partners with local and federal law enforcement agents, the Department of Labor's Office of Inspector General, Attorney General, State's Attorney and US Attorney's Offices to help us in our fight against fraud.

Please take the time to review the information below, including how to spot UI identity theft, how to report identity theft to IDES, and what happens after you contact the agency.

Click link below to
report FRAUD

How can I spot unemployment insurance identity theft?

- You receive a debit card or an unemployment insurance letter (UI Finding) and have not filed a claim for benefits.
- You are notified by your employer that a claim for benefits has been filed when you have not been separated from employment.
- You attempt to file a claim online and one already exists.
- You receive IRS correspondence regarding unreported UI benefits.
- You receive notice of a state or federal tax offset.

What steps should I take if I receive a debit card or a UI Finding letter, and did not file for unemployment benefits?

If you suspect a claim has been submitted using your information, and you have not applied for unemployment insurance benefits in Illinois, take steps as follows:

- **Report Fraud On-line at—** <https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/Report-Identity-Theft.aspx>
- **DO NOT** activate the debit card that was mailed to you.
- **DO NOT** contact KeyBank.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What happens after I report the identity theft to IDES?

IDES is working through all calls placed to the agency. Please be patient in waiting for a callback. IDES systems sometimes generate multiple correspondence; if you receive IDES correspondence, keep them, as they provide useful information for the IDES representative during your callback.

In most instances of fraud, IDES' integrity measures stop the unemployment claim and prevent payments from being made before hearing from you.

If someone steals my identity and IDES pays benefits to the fraudster, am I responsible for paying back the money?

No. You will not need to pay back the money. Your employer won't have to repay it either.

If someone steals my identity and uses my information to apply for unemployment benefits, can I still apply for benefits if I need to?

Yes. We'll be able to distinguish your legitimate claim from a fraudulent one.

What if I reported the fraud but still received a letter stating that I must pay back an overpayment?

If you received a notice or letter from us saying you owe us money, we sent this notice of overpayment in error if you:

- Recently reported fraud, or
- Have not applied for or received unemployment benefits recently.

We're so sorry for the anxiety this must have caused, and we want to reassure you that **you do not owe any money as a result of a fraudulent claim**. If you are a victim of fraud, you can ignore the overpayment notice. Our unemployment benefits computer system sends overpayment letters automatically when people really do need to repay benefits. Due to the massive number of fraudulent claims filed recently, the computer system sent many of these letters in error before we could stop them. We're sorry you accidentally received one.

Will any funds paid on the fraudulent claim in my name be reported to the IRS as income?

No. Fraudulent funds are not reported as income to the IRS, and you will not receive a 1099 form from IDES if you report the fraud.

Other Resources

After you report to IDES that you were the victim of identity theft, go to the Federal Trade Commission and take these [immediate steps](#) to protect yourself from further acts of fraud.



Tired of Unwanted Calls ?



HOW TO STOP UNWANTED CALLS



Report unwanted calls at
ReportFraud.ftc.gov



See what **built-in features** your phone has.



See what **call-blocking and call-labeling services** your carrier offers.

How to stop unwanted calls ON A CELL PHONE



Download a **call-blocking app**.

- Some apps are **free**, but others charge a monthly **fee**.
- Some apps will **access your contacts**.
- Calls might be **stopped, ring silently**, or go straight to **voicemail**.

How to stop unwanted calls ON YOUR HOME PHONE



See what **call-blocking and call-labeling services** your carrier offers.



Is your carrier an **internet or VoIP** provider? Look into **internet-based call-blocking and call-labeling services**.



Have a **traditional landline** that doesn't use the internet? Install a **call-blocking and call-labeling device**. (Not sure? Ask your **carrier**.)



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Info for Seniors



Dementia Friendly Tri-Cities

Do you have a loved one currently battling dementia? Or are you an area business that serves customers or clients who have dementia? If so, the Dementia Friendly Tri-Cities initiative may prove to be a helpful resource for you.

The key priorities for the Dementia Friendly Tri-Cities Initiative include:

- Building awareness of the signs and symptoms of dementia for area families,
- Making training available, adaptable and easily accessible for this growing population and their caregivers,
- Providing practical tools and guidelines for our first responders and other critical support services,
- Fostering and communicating dementia friendly practices for the benefit of our entire community, and
- Championing and coordinating the contributions of local services, government agencies and social services to drive common messages and minimize complexity.

For additional information on the Dementia Friendly Tri-Cities initiatives, educational opportunities, or to support these efforts please contact the group at Dementia.friendly.tricities@gmail.com.



Central Kane County TRIAD

Are you ...

- a senior citizen?
- law enforcement?
- a service provider?
- a business that caters to seniors?



TRIAD is a partnership that exists to reduce crimes against the elderly in central Kane County (Tri-Cities, Elburn, Campton Hills). If you are looking for a way to reach seniors, or if you are a senior with a desire to volunteer and assist others, we invite you to join us! All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings at 10 a.m. on the third Friday of each month at the Geneva Township Senior Center.

TRIAD meetings

Time: 10 a.m.
When: Third Friday of each month
Where: Geneva Township Senior Center,
400 Wheeler Dr., Geneva
Who: Anybody with an interest in
keeping our seniors safe.



Info From Special Services Unit



M Northwestern
Medicine



Saturday
April 24th, 2021
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Drop off Drugs ONLY at Northwestern Convenient Care

→ **2900 FOXFIELD RD** ←



Crime Prevention Officer James Burden

Thank You St Charles!...

...for allowing me to serve you for the last 20 years. It has been an absolute pleasure that I will never forget. With my upcoming retirement, this is my last quarterly newsletter. I wish all of you the best.

Please take care of one-another

Stay Classy, Stay Safe, and Stay Well.

Report suspicious activity and help keep STC safe



Crime Prevention Notices

From

January 1st through March 31st

St Charles police officers issued

861

Crime Prevention Notices
for such things as open doors
and other conditions as a courtesy for
your protection.

The City of St. Charles is social!

Keep up to date with all that's happening in St. Charles by following the city on these sites.



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twitter.com/cityofstcharles



www.stcharlesil.gov



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1st Quarter Police Reports

The following stats represent the number of reports taken by the police department for the period January 1 through March 31 2021

Commercial Burglary - 5	6
Residential Burglary - 0	2
Burglary from Motor Vehicle - 39	24
Retail Theft - 27	17
Criminal Damage to Property - 29	27
DUI (alcohol and drugs) - 17	21

Previous
Quarter



Police Chief James Keegan

Police Department contact list

Main Number	630-377-4435
Chief of Police James Keegan	630-762-6960
Deputy Chief of Administration Erik Mahan.....	630-443-3841
Deputy Chief of Operations Chuck Pierce	630-443-3827
Commander of Investigations Eric Majewski.....	630-443-6941
Commander of Patrol Michael McCowan.....	630-443-3845
Commander of Special Services Richard Clark.....	630-443-3721
Traffic Safety Officer Jerry Schomer.....	630-443-3823
Crime Prevention Officer Jim Burden.....	630-443-3835
Community Service Officer Ryan Beeter.....	630-443-3865